



Oregon Seed Certification Service
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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
PEA
 (*Pisum* spp.)
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Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) Handbook are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the standards for certified pea.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook.

Field History: Land must have been free of previous seed peas for five years to produce Foundation seed. For the production of Registered seed, a field must be three years out of other varieties of peas, and two years for the production of Certified seed. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of peas was the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Peas must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspection: Includes two inspections, a seedling and crop inspection. Crop inspection to be at early bloom stage. The seedling and crop inspection must be submitted by April 15, or 15 days after planting whichever occurs last.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum permitted Other Varieties ¹	Isolation Requirements ²
Foundation	None	Adequate to determine field boundaries and prevent mixtures
Registered	0.05%	
Certified	0.10%	

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 2 Pounds)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other varieties, maximum	0.05%	0.10%	0.20%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Total other crop including other varieties, maximum	0.15%	0.35%	0.70%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Germination, minimum	80%	80%	80%
Germination for Garfield, Latah, Melrose, Tracer	90%	90%	90%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any sheep sorrel, buckhorn plantain, docks, St. Johnswort or bedstraw allowed in any class of seed.