



**Oregon Seed Certification Service**  
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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS  
**CHICKPEA**  
*(Cicer arietinum)*  
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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 chickpea.

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

**Field History:** To be eligible to produce Foundation class of seed, field must not have been planted to or have grown a crop of chickpeas for three years, and two years for Registered and Certified classes. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of chickpea was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Chickpeas must be planted in distinct rows. The Seed Certification Office must approve exceptions prior to planting.

**Field Inspections:** Each field intended for certification must be inspected two times during the harvest year, one of which must be at the late-pod stage. The presence of Ascochyta Blight in a field will be cause for rejection. Any condition which prevents adequate inspection may be cause for rejection. The field application must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> or within 30 days after planting if planting after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Isolation:** Each variety must be separated by a three-foot strip from another variety unless a specific variety requires additional isolation distance.

**Field Standards:**

Factor	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other varieties	None	0.05%	0.10%
Other crop, inseparable No Austrian pea or rye permitted	None	0.01%	0.05%
Ascochyta Blight ( <i>Ascochyta rabiei</i> )	None	None	None
Noxious weeds (must be controlled)	None	None	None

**Seed Standards:** (Minimum Sample Size -- 1 1/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crop, maximum	None	None	0.10%
Other varieties, maximum	0.01%	0.05%	0.10%
Total other crop including other varieties, maximum	0.01%	0.05%	0.20%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed <sup>1</sup> , maximum	None	None	0.25%
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

Certified blue tag seed should be well screened and graded in color and otherwise of good appearance.

<sup>1</sup>None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook nor any sheep sorrel, docks, *Galium* spp., wild oat, vetch, Austrian pea, or rye allowed in any class of seed.