



**Oregon Seed Certification Service**

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS  
**LITTLE BURNET**  
*(Sanguisorba minor)*  
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**Certification Standards:** The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service Handbook (OSCS) are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Little Burnet standards.

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

**Field History:** Land must have been free of Little Burnet for at least four years to produce Foundation seed, three years to produce Registered seed, and two years to produce Certified seed. Little burnet must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification office prior to planting.

**Field Inspections:** Include a seedling and a seed crop inspection. The seedling inspection must be submitted within 60 days of planting, and a seed crop application must be submitted by April 15 of the year that the seed is produced.

**Field Standards:**

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted <sup>1</sup>	Isolation requirements <sup>2</sup>	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	5280 ft.	2640 ft.
Registered	None	2640 ft.	1320 ft.
Certified	1.0%	1320 ft.	165 ft.

**Seed Standards:** (Minimum Sample Size – 1/2 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	97.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	3.00%
Weed seed <sup>3</sup> , maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Weeds, Group A <sup>4</sup> , singly or combined	None	27/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

<sup>1</sup> Includes off-type plants.

<sup>2</sup> See Section IV D, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

<sup>3</sup> None of the prohibited weeds listed in section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any St. Johnswort is allowed in any class of seed.

<sup>4</sup> Group A – Buckhorn plantain, Docks, Sheep sorrel and Bedstraw.