

**WAC 16-302-410 Washington standards for sod quality seed. (1)**

Sod quality seed must first meet Washington state certification standards found in WAC 16-302-385. Except for ryegrass sod quality seed, seed standards for sod quality grass seed are as follows:

Variety	Purity Sample Size, grams (a)	Pure seed Minimum %	Germination Minimum %	Other Crops (b) Maximum %	Weeds (c) Maximum %
Bluegrass, Kentucky	25	97.00	80.00	0.10	0.02
Fescue, red	50	98.00	90.00	0.10	0.02
Fescue, chewings	50	98.00	90.00	0.10	0.02
Fescue, tall	50	98.00	85.00	0.10	0.02

- (a) Requires testing of noxious all weed all crop exam and a germination test.
- (b) Must be free of ryegrass, orchardgrass, timothy, *Agrostis* sp., black medic, *Poa trivialis*, brome, reed canarygrass, tall fescue, clover, and meadow foxtail. Maximum allowable Canada bluegrass 0.02%. When the base sample is one of these kinds, the species will not be considered a contaminant (i.e., tall fescue in tall fescue).
- (c) Must be free of Big, Canby and Sandberg bluegrass, dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, short-awn foxtail, annual bluegrass, velvetgrass, weedy *Festuca* spp., and noxious weed seeds as listed under WAC 16-302-100 and 16-302-105.

(2) Seed standards for sod quality ryegrass seed are as follows:

Variety	Purity Sample Size, grams (a)	Pure Minimum %	Germination Minimum % (b)	Other Crops (c) Maximum %	Weeds (d) Maximum %
Ryegrass (e)	50	98.00	90.00	0.10	0.02

- (a) Requires testing of noxious all weed all crop exam and a germination test.
- (b) 85% minimum germination allowed on ryegrass varieties as designated by the breeder or variety owner. See list maintained by the seed program.
- (c) Must be free of black medic, orchardgrass, timothy, *Agrostis* sp., *Poa trivialis*, brome, reed canarygrass, tall fescue, clover and meadow foxtail. Maximum allowable Canada bluegrass 0.02%.
- (d) Must be free of Big, Canby and Sandberg bluegrass, dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, annual bluegrass, velvetgrass, weedy *Festuca* spp., short-awn foxtail, and noxious weed seeds as listed under WAC 16-302-100 and 16-302-105. An additional 0.07% of weedy *Bromus* spp. will be allowed.
- (e) Maximum fluorescence levels as determined by breeder or variety owner.

(3) A sod seed analysis certificate is the basis of determining if a lot meets sod quality standards. This certificate is issued by the certifying agency and represents a purity analysis.

(4) In addition to a seed certification tag, seed meeting sod quality Certified seed standards will be tagged with a special "sod quality seed" tag.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.005, [15.49].021, [15.49].310, [15.49].370, 15.140.030, and chapter 15.49 RCW. WSR 25-09-035, s 16-302-410, filed 4/9/25, effective 5/10/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.005, 15.49.081, 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3), and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 14-20-050, § 16-302-410, filed 9/25/14, effective 10/26/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.310 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 06-15-137, § 16-302-410, filed 7/19/06, effective 8/19/06. Statutory Authority: Chapters 15.49 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 03-18-072, § 16-302-410, filed 8/29/03, effective 9/29/03; WSR 02-12-060, § 16-302-410, filed 5/30/02, effective 6/30/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.005, 15.49.081, 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3) and chapter 17.24 RCW. WSR 00-24-077, § 16-302-410, filed 12/4/00, effective 1/4/01.]