

## Can I be a Personal Assistant with Origin?

A good sense of humour, patience, adaptability and an enthusiastic 'can do' nature are needed to handle the challenging role of personal assistant. We also ask that you:

- are aged 21 - 45
- can commit for a minimum of 4 months
- hold a full UK/EU or international driving licence
- have a work permit if necessary
- enjoy general good health and can cope with some physical lifting and bending tasks.

Origin personal assistants come from all walks of life, some are students or graduates taking a year out, others are already carers who are looking for a new challenge and some are taking a career break and making a lifestyle change.

Our clients are not ill so you do not need any nursing skills and no prior caring experience is necessary as you will be given full, specialist spinal injury training before your first placement and the support of a full time care manager at all times.

## What to do next.

To find out more about being an Origin personal assistant, look on our website

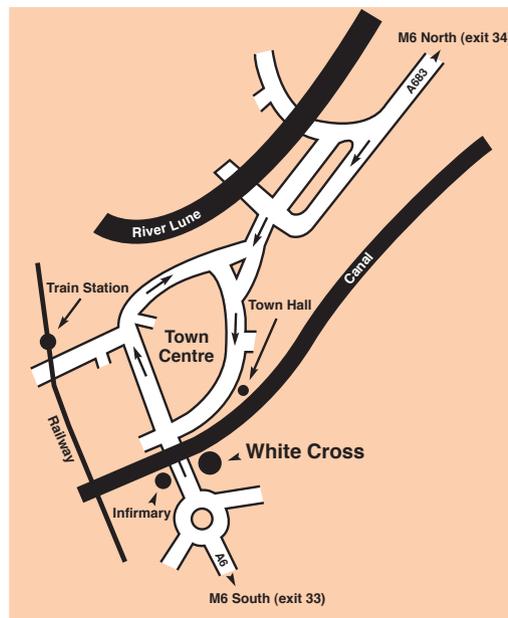
[www.origincare.com](http://www.origincare.com)

where you will find an on-line application form or give us a call on **+44 (0) 1524 34100**



## How to find Origin

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and make a  
difference to  
someone else's



Imagine a working opportunity that offers real job satisfaction, flexible working conditions, an opportunity for social and healthcare training, a career change and a fantastic rate of pay - with no previous experience required.

When working as a personal assistant with Origin all this is possible and more.

### Who are Origin?

Origin provide specialist live in, one to one care services for people with a spinal cord injury. A spinal injury is a complex physical condition, resulting from damage to the nerves in the neck or

back which requires specialist care. In order to maintain the highest standards, we remain focused on providing care services, exclusively, for spinally injured clients. Our clients are aged 18 to 50 and are all wheelchair users, often as a result of a serious accident on the road, at work or playing a sport.

### Origin Training

All Origin personal assistants attend an intensive three day spinal injury training programme with work shadowing, to equip them with the essential skills for the role of personal assistant. There are also options for further training which may lead to health and social care qualifications.

## The Role of a Personal Assistant

The role of a personal assistant is enjoyable and varied and offers considerable job satisfaction, in fact in a recent survey about 'happiness at work', the role of carer came out on top. Whilst sometimes challenging, it is a genuine opportunity to make a real difference to the quality of someone else's life.



Many people with a spinal injury have full time jobs and enjoy various social and sporting activities, with which they need some assistance.

Origin personal assistants offer practical support, an extra pair of "arms and legs", to assist with daily living activities such as

shopping, cooking, driving, other domestic duties and personal care such as toileting, washing and dressing.

Origin personal assistants provide live in support on flexible rotas to suit individual clients and enable them to enjoy an independent lifestyle of their own choice.

### Benefits

- Free food and accommodation whilst working
- Travel opportunities
- Long and short term work options
- Free specialist training
- Opportunities for career progression
- 24 hour helpline offering direct support whilst working
- Excellent rate of pay plus bonuses and paid expenses
- Flexible working
- Free personal accident insurance cover

### What do others say?

“ I get real job satisfaction knowing that I can make a difference to someone else's life. ”

Sara

“ I was lucky enough to be able to combine my love of skiing with work when I went to Sweden to assist a man on a special ski course for spinally injured people. ”

Richard

“ I've found a job that I absolutely love and a way of paying off my student loan. ”

Mandeep

