

# Function to get the categories of custom taxonomy

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## In brief

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```
function get_the_category_by_taxonomy( $id = false, $tcat = 'category' ) {  
    $categories = get_the_terms( $id, $tcat );  
    if ( ! $categories )  
        $categories = array();  
    $categories = array_values( $categories );  
    foreach ( array_keys( $categories ) as $key ) {  
        _make_cat_compat( $categories[$key] );  
    }  
    // Filter name is plural because we return alot of categories (possibly more than #13237) not just one  
    return apply_filters( 'get_the_categories', $categories );  
}
```

call the function from your template file

```
$terms = get_the_category_by_taxonomy("",'portfollio_category');
```

Here the \$term contains an array of categories under the taxonomy 'portfollio\_category'.