

# Get Parent Category ID of Current Category

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### In brief

To get the parent category ID of the current category in WordPress, add a custom function to your functions.php file that loops through the category hierarchy using `get_category()` until it reaches the top-level parent.

Get the parent category ID from the current category ID in WordPress. The Function will return the Parent Category ID.

1. Include the Function on your function.php page.

```
function get_categories_parent_id ($catid) {  
    while ($catid) {  
        $cat = get_category($catid); // get the object for the catid  
        $catid = $cat->category_parent; // assign parent ID (if exists) to $catid  
        $catParent = $cat->cat_ID;  
    }  
}
```

2. Call the Function from the page on which you want the parent category id.

```
$cur_cat_id = get_query_var('cat');  
$parent_catid = get_categories_parent_id( $cur_cat_id );
```

Here `$cur_cat_id` contains the category id which is obtained from the function `get_query_var('cat')`, which is called in the category.php page to obtain current category id.

If you are using the Function in any other page where you know the current category id, assign the value to `$cur_cat_id`, to obtain its parent category ID.

Now after calling the function `get_categories_parent_id( $cur_cat_id )`, you will have the parent category ID in `$parent_catid`.