

WordPress - Get Parent Category ID

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In brief

To get the parent category ID of a WordPress post, use three lines of code. First, call `get_the_category()` to retrieve the post's categories.

You can retrieve the topmost parent category id of a post by using this three-line code.

```
$category = get_the_category();  
$cat = get_category($category[0]->term_id);  
$parent_catid = $cat->category_parent;
```

The first line will get the category of the current post.

The second line will create an object of the first category of the post.

Here the id of the first category can be get by using the code `$category[0]->term_id`

Finally, you can retrieve the parent category id by using

```
$parent_catid = $cat->category_parent;
```

Now parent category id will be in the variable `$parent_catid`