



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Template\\_Tags/the\\_category\\_ID](http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/the_category_ID)

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## Template Tags/the category ID

### ***Description***

Displays or returns the numeric ID of the category a post belongs to. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

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**This function has been deprecated. That means it has been replaced by a new function or is no longer supported, and may be removed from future versions. All code that uses this function should be converted to use its replacement if one exists.**

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### ***Usage***

```
<?php the_category_ID(echo); ?>
```

### ***Example***

Displays a corresponding image for each category.

```

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### ***Parameters***

echo

(*boolean*) Display the category ID (`TRUE`) or return it for use in PHP (`FALSE`).

Defaults to `TRUE`.

### ***Replaced With***

This tag was deprecated when multiple categories were added to WordPress, and there is no one-to-one correspondence with another tag. This PHP code block provides an example for how you can replace it:

```
<?php
foreach((get_the_category()) as $cat) {
    echo $cat->cat_ID . ' ';
} ?>
```

## ***Related***

[the\\_category](#), [the\\_category\\_rss](#), **the\_category\_ID** (Deprecated), [the\\_category\\_head](#) (Deprecated), [single\\_cat\\_title](#), [category\\_description](#), [dropdown\\_cats](#), [list\\_cats](#), [wp\\_list\\_cats](#)