

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Lesotho. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing a bit about yourself! Since you're 16 and have completed primary school in Denmark, you're likely choosing between several post-primary education options. In Denmark, the typical next step after *folkeskole* (primary and lower secondary school) is one of the **upper secondary education** programs. Here's a breakdown of your options, along with what each path might mean for your future:

Academic Path: Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for **university** and higher education.

1. STX – Studentereksamen (General Upper Secondary)

- Broad academic focus (humanities, science, social science).
- Ideal if you're not sure what to study later or want to keep many options open.

2. HHX – Higher Commercial Examination

- Focus on **business, economics, and marketing**.
- Great if you're interested in entrepreneurship, international trade, or economics.

3. HTX – Higher Technical Examination

- Focus on **technology, science, and engineering**.
- Good for future careers in STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Math).

4. HF – Higher Preparatory Examination

- A **2-year program** (vs. 3 years for the others).
- More practice-oriented and flexible—suitable if you want to get into higher education a bit quicker or prefer shorter programs.

Vocational Path: Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

- Combine school with paid internships (*praktik*).
- Leads to jobs like carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, child care worker, chef, or even IT technician.
- Takes **2-5 years**, depending on the program.
- You can also move into higher education later via **EUX** (a combined vocational and academic program).

My Recommendations (based on what you shared):

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and have finished *folkeskole*, you're well-prepared for either academic or vocational paths. Here's how you can think about your next step:

If You:

- Like studying and want to go to **university**: → STX, HHX, or HTX (depending on your interests)
- Want to **start working earlier**, learn a trade, or prefer hands-on learning: → EUD or EUX
- Are still **unsure** but want to keep many options open: → STX (most flexible academically)

Things to Consider:

- What subjects do you enjoy the most?
- Do you prefer practical work or academic learning?
- What kind of life or career do you see yourself in?
- Would you like to explore your **Lesotho heritage** through international studies or business?

If you tell me more about your interests—what subjects you enjoy, whether you like hands-on work or theory, or any dreams you have—I can give you a more personal recommendation.