

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sri Lanka. 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 just finished primary school in Denmark and you're thinking about your next steps, you have a few good options ahead of you. In Denmark, the main educational paths after primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole) are:

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This path prepares you for university and higher education.

The main options are:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary education with a broad mix of subjects (humanities, science, social science).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international relations.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical – good if you're unsure about your long-term goals.

### Recommended if:

You're academically interested, might want to go to university later, and enjoy subjects like science, languages, business, or social studies.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This combines school with practical work experience (apprenticeship) and leads directly to a profession.

Common fields:

- Carpentry, electrician, plumbing
- Healthcare (e.g. social and health assistant)
- IT and digital media
- Hairdresser, chef, mechanic

### Recommended if:

You want to start working earlier, prefer hands-on learning, and are interested in a skilled trade or job.

### 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

A combination of **EUD** and **STX**, giving both a vocational qualification **and** access to university later.

#### **Recommended if:**

You're practical but also want to keep university as an option in the future.

### What Should You Choose?

Here are a few guiding questions:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects?**  
→ Go for **STX**, **HHX**, or **HTX**.
- **Do you want to work with your hands or get a job faster?**  
→ Choose **EUD** or **EUX**.
- **Are you unsure?**  
→ Consider **HF** (shorter, more flexible), or talk to a counselor (Studievejleder) at your local **UU-center** (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning).

### Final Tip

Since you're fluent in Danish and likely speak Tamil or Sinhala at home, you may have **strong communication and cultural skills** — these are valuable in many careers like **healthcare, education, social work, business**, or **IT**.

Would you like some help matching your interests with specific study programs or careers in Denmark? If you tell me what subjects or activities you enjoy, I can give more tailored advice.