

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Russian Federation. 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?

That's great that you've finished primary school and are thinking about your next step—this is an important time to start shaping your future! Since you're 16, you're likely finishing **9th or 10th grade** in the Danish education system. In Denmark, you generally have a few main paths after primary/lower secondary school:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education (like university). If you're interested in theoretical subjects or want to go to university later, this is a good path.

- **STX (Alment gymnasium)** – General upper secondary education. Focuses on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Great if you're not sure yet what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)** – Focus on science and technology, good if you're into engineering or IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program, more practical/theoretical mix, for students who might want to study later but prefer a shorter and slightly more mature environment.

 Duration: 2–3 years

 Leads to: University, vocational higher education, or professional bachelor's degrees.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – VET)


If you prefer practical, hands-on work and want to enter the workforce sooner (or become a skilled worker), this is a great route. You can also combine it with the EUX program to keep the door open for higher education.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- IT supporter

- Chef

 Duration: 2–5 years (depending on the program)

 Leads to: Skilled trade jobs, or further education via **EUX**.

### ✨ 3. **EUX – Combined Academic and Vocational Program**

This is a hybrid option: you get both a vocational qualification **and** a high school diploma. It's demanding, but very flexible—great for someone who's unsure or wants both practical skills and access to university later.

### **How to Choose?**

Ask yourself a few questions:

- Do I enjoy school subjects and studying theory?
- Do I prefer working with my hands or on real-world problems?
- Do I want to go to university someday?
- What careers interest me?

If you're still unsure, you can:

- **Talk to a UU-vejleder (educational guidance counselor)** at your school.
- **Visit open house events** at local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
- **Try “brobygning” (bridging courses)** to experience different options.

### **My Suggestion (based on your background):**

Since you're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background, that can be a strength. Here are two likely good options:

- **STX or HTX** if you're academically strong and want to keep many future doors open.
- **EUX** if you want both vocational skills and academic qualifications.

Would you like help thinking about careers you're interested in? I can also recommend paths based on your interests (e.g., tech, art, healthcare, etc.).