

# Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The United Republic of Tanzania. 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 that—you're at an important turning point, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you've finished primary school in Denmark (what's typically called *Folkeskole*), you now have a few main options. I'll walk you through the common educational paths in Denmark after 9th grade, and help you think through what might suit you best.

## Your Options After Folkeskole

### 1. STX (Studentereksamen) – General Upper Secondary School

- Focus: Broad academic education – Danish, history, math, languages, science, social studies.
- Duration: 3 years
- Good for: University preparation, if you're still exploring what you want to study.
- Ideal if: You enjoy academic subjects and want to keep many doors open.

### 2. HHX – Higher Commercial Examination Programme

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, and international trade.
- Duration: 3 years
- Good for: Business, finance, international studies, entrepreneurship.
- Ideal if: You like business, want to study or work in trade, finance, or global companies.

### 3. HTX – Higher Technical Examination Programme

- Focus: Science, technology, engineering, IT.
- Duration: 3 years
- Good for: STEM careers (e.g., engineering, IT, biotech).
- Ideal if: You enjoy math, science, or want a technical profession.

### 4. EUX – A Mix of Vocational Training and Academic Education

- Focus: Combines a vocational education with a high-level academic program.
- Duration: 4-5 years (varies)
- Good for: Hands-on careers *and* the option to go to university.
- Ideal if: You want a trade (like electrician, mechanic, or healthcare worker) but also want the option of further study later.

### 5. EUD – Vocational Education and Training

- Focus: Hands-on training in a specific trade (e.g., carpenter, chef, hairdresser).
- Duration: 2-4 years
- Good for: Going directly into a career with practical skills.
- Ideal if: You want to work right after graduation and like practical, real-world work.

## Questions to Ask Yourself

To help narrow it down, think about:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects like math, science, or languages?
- Am I more interested in working with my hands or doing practical work?
- Do I want to go to university later or start working soon?
- Do I like working with people, tech, ideas, or business?

## Special Note – Your Background as a Strength

Being fluent in Danish and having Tanzanian roots is a huge advantage. If you're interested in international work (business, diplomacy, NGOs, development, etc.), that could shape your path too. Languages (like Swahili and English), cultural knowledge, and adaptability can open doors globally.

## Recommendations Based on Different Goals

| Goal  | Recommended Path |
|---|------------------|
| Still unsure, want to keep options open                 | STX              |
| Interested in business, maybe entrepreneurship or trade | HHX              |
| Passionate about science, tech, or engineering          | HTX              |
| Want both a skilled job and option for higher education | EUX              |
| Want to enter the workforce soon with practical skills  | EUD              |

If you can share a bit more about your interests (e.g., favorite subjects, what kind of work you see yourself doing), I can give you more personal advice. Would you like to explore that next?