

# Uddannelsesvejledning i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Somalia. 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 a great place to start—thank you for sharing. Living in Denmark, finishing primary school, and being fluent in Danish already gives you a strong foundation. Choosing the right next step depends on your interests, skills, and what kind of life or career you want. Let's break it down in a simple, clear way to help you decide.

## 🎓 Main Options After Primary School in Denmark

After 9th or 10th grade, there are generally three main paths in Denmark:

### 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad academic education—good if you're still exploring.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen):** Focus on science and technology—great if you like IT, engineering, or science.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and languages—good if you're interested in business or international work.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more flexible—good if you prefer a lighter academic load or a later university start.

**Recommended if:** You like studying, want to go to university later, or aren't sure what career you want yet.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These are more hands-on and prepare you for work.

- You split time between school and a job (praktik).
- You can become things like an electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, social worker, or healthcare assistant.

**Recommended if:** You like practical learning and want to work sooner, or enjoy jobs with physical, technical, or people skills.

### 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

This combines vocational training with academic subjects.

- You get both a studentereksamen and vocational qualification.
- You can go straight to work **or** to university.

**Recommended if:** You want to keep doors open—both academic and practical.

### What to Think About Before Choosing

Ask yourself:

- Do I like studying (reading, writing, exams)?
- Do I enjoy working with my hands or solving real-life problems?
- Do I have a career goal (e.g., doctor, engineer, nurse, entrepreneur)?
- Do I prefer working with people, technology, business, or art?

### Suggestions Based on Common Interests

Interest	Recommended Path
I like science, medicine, or tech	STX or HTX
I want to start a business or work in finance	HHX or EUX business
I want to work with my hands (e.g., mechanic, chef)	EUD or EUX
I like helping people (e.g., social work, nursing)	HF or EUD healthcare
I'm not sure what I want	STX or HF (broadest options)

### Bonus Tip

As a bilingual person with Somali heritage, you also have unique strengths. Consider:

- International business
- Public service roles (social work, teaching, healthcare)
- Translation or cultural mediation
- Starting your own business with a global mindset

### Next Steps

1. **Talk to your school's vejleder (educational counselor).**
2. **Visit schools or try "brobygning" (intro courses).**
3. **Talk to students who already go to these schools.**

If you tell me what subjects or careers interest you most, I can give you a much more tailored recommendation. Would you like help with that?