

Uddannelsesvejledning efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from New Zealand. 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 your background — that's really helpful. Since you've just finished primary school (which in Denmark typically ends at 9th or 10th grade depending on the path), your next step depends on a few key things:

First: A few questions to think about

Before giving a recommendation, it would help to consider:

- Do you prefer academic subjects, practical work, or a mix of both?
- Do you have a sense of what kind of job or career you'd enjoy?
- Are you open to **moving abroad later** (e.g. to New Zealand), or do you want to stay in Denmark?

That said, here are **common educational paths** available in Denmark after primary school, and what type of student each is good for:



1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

Ideal if you enjoy academic learning and might want to go to university later.

The main types:

- STX (Almen studentereksamen) Broad, academic, with focus on humanities, sciences or social studies.
- HHX (Handelsgymnasiet) Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- HTX (Teknisk gymnasium) Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** 2-year program, more practical, often for older students or those who want a shorter route.

Best for you if:

You like school subjects, think you might want to go to university (in Denmark or abroad), and want flexibility later.

2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training)

Ideal if you want to learn a trade or start working sooner.



Examples: Electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, healthcare assistant, etc.

Often includes an apprenticeship (praktikplads) in a real workplace.

Best for you if:

You enjoy hands-on work, want to learn a profession, and prefer practical learning over theory.

3. International options (like IB – International Baccalaureate)

Denmark has IB programs in certain schools, taught in English. Great if you're considering studying or working abroad later (e.g. New Zealand).

Best for you if:

You speak English fluently (your parents are from NZ, so likely yes), are academically strong, and want international flexibility.

③ Based on your situation:

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, but with international roots (NZ), here's a **suggested path**:

Option A (academic route):

Go to **STX** or **IB** if you're academically inclined and want lots of future options, whether in Denmark or abroad.

Option B (practical route):

If school was never really your thing but you like working with your hands or a specific trade, go for **EUD**.

Option C (business/tech):

If you're into entrepreneurship, tech, or business, **HHX** or **HTX** could be a great middle ground.

Bonus tip:

If you're considering university later in New Zealand (or elsewhere), keep in mind:

- IB is highly recognized internationally.
- STX/HHX/HTX are also respected, but you may need to convert grades or meet extra requirements abroad.

Would you like help choosing between STX, HHX, HTX, or IB based on your interests? Let me know what subjects or activities you enjoy, and I can give a more specific recommendation.