

# 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?

That's great that you're thinking about your next steps! In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** around age 16, you have a few solid educational paths to choose from depending on your **interests, goals, and learning style**. Here's an overview of your main options, along with recommendations based on different ambitions:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for **university or higher education**.

### A. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: General education – languages, sciences, humanities.
- Good if: You're not sure yet what you want to study later, or you're aiming for university.
- Duration: 3 years.

### B. HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)

- Focus: Science, technology, and innovation.
- Good if: You like technology, engineering, or science.
- Duration: 3 years.

### C. HHX (Højere handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, international trade.
- Good if: You're interested in business, marketing, or entrepreneurship.
- Duration: 3 years.

### D. HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)

- Focus: A shorter, more focused program.
- Good if: You want a faster route to some professions or aren't ready for a full 3-year program.
- Duration: 2 years.

- ✓ **Recommendation if you enjoy school and want to keep your options open: STX or HHX**
- ✓ **Recommendation if you're interested in tech/science: HTX**

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education – EUD)

This is more hands-on and prepares you directly for a **job or trade** (like electrician, carpenter, chef, etc.).

- Combines school and apprenticeship (praktik) in a company.
- You earn money during your apprenticeship.
- Duration: Varies (usually 2-5 years).
- Pathways also lead to "EUX", a combined vocational and academic education.

✓ **Recommendation if you want to work sooner, learn hands-on, and possibly start a business: EUX** (for example, if you want to be a mechanic *and* maybe run your own workshop)

### How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning or prefer practical work?
- Do I have a specific career goal already (e.g. doctor, engineer, chef)?
- Do I want to start earning money sooner or study longer for higher degrees?

If you're not sure, **you can start with a 10th grade (10. klasse)**, which is often used to decide and prepare for the next step.

### As a Danish-Sri Lankan student:

You have a unique cultural perspective that can be an advantage in **international business, healthcare, diplomacy, technology**, or even creative fields. Don't hesitate to bring that background into your future studies.

### Final Tip

You can talk to an **educational counselor (uddannelsesvejleder)** at your school or local UU-center. They can help you choose based on your interests, grades, and personality.

Want help exploring a specific career path (e.g., "I want to work with computers" or "I like helping people")? I'd be happy to help you narrow it down!