

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kuwait. 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 a bit about yourself! At 16 in Denmark, you're at a key transition point in your education. After finishing *folkeskole* (primary/lower secondary school), you have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's a breakdown of the main paths you can take:

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

These are academic programs that prepare you for university. They typically last 3 years.

### Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focuses on general education (humanities, sciences, and social sciences). Great if you're not sure what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focuses on technology and science (engineering, IT, etc.).
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – A 2-year program, often used as a shortcut to further education (used more by adults or students who want a faster route).

● **Recommended if** you're interested in going to university or still exploring your interests.

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

This combines school and apprenticeships in a workplace. It usually takes 3–5 years, depending on the trade.


You can specialize in areas like:

- Carpentry, plumbing, or electrician work
- Hairdressing or culinary arts
- Office administration, retail, or IT support

● **Recommended if** you prefer practical work and want to start earning earlier. It can also lead to advanced vocational programs or higher education (*Erhvervsakademi*).

### 3. Kombinationsforløb – EUX

This is a mix of vocational training and academic courses. It qualifies you for both a skilled trade *and* higher education.

 **Recommended if** you want hands-on work but also want the option to attend university later.

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### How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to study further at a university?  
→ Go with **STX**, **HHX**, or **HTX**.
  - Do I like working with my hands or in a specific trade?  
→ Consider **EUD** or **EUX**.
  - Do I want a shorter path to employment but keep my options open?  
→ **EUX** or **HF** might be good.
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### Final Tip:

Talk to a guidance counselor at your school or the local **UU-vejledning** (Youth Guidance Center). They can help you match your interests and strengths with the right path—and even organize visits to schools.

If you'd like, I can help you think through your interests and suggest a more specific direction. Would you like to do that?