

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kiribati. 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! You're at an exciting point in life where you have a lot of different paths to choose from — and it's completely okay if you're not 100% sure yet. Since you're 16 and have finished primary/lower secondary school (folkeskolen) in Denmark, your next step is typically one of the youth education programs ("ungdomsuddannelser"). I'll outline your main options and offer some guidance to help you choose based on your interests, strengths, and goals.

Your Main Education Options in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad, with focus on humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – A shorter 2-year program for students who might prefer a more practical or flexible route to higher education.

♦ Choose this if:

You enjoy academic subjects, might want to go to university later, or want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

These are more hands-on and lead to skilled jobs (often with an apprenticeship model).

- Fields include mechanics, hairdressing, carpentry, IT, health care, etc.
- You get a combination of school and workplace training.

♦ Choose this if:

You like practical work, want to earn a salary during your training, and are interested in entering the workforce earlier — or possibly continuing later with "EUX" or adult education.

3. EUX (Kombineret erhvervsfaglig og gymnasial uddannelse)

A hybrid between vocational education and a gymnasial degree — gives both a trade qualification *and* a pathway to university.

♦ **Choose this if:**

You want a practical skill **and** the chance to study further later.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects like math, languages, science?
- Do I prefer learning by doing or working with my hands?
- Do I want to go to university later?
- Am I more interested in helping people, building things, solving problems, working with computers?

You could also speak with a **UU-vejleder (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning)** — they're education guidance counselors and are *super helpful* at this stage.

Extra Perspective: Your Kiribati Background

Being of Kiribati descent and fluent in Danish gives you a unique multicultural background. That could be a strength in:

- **International business or diplomacy** (HHX or STX)
- **Global studies, sustainability or development work** (STX or HF)
- **Healthcare or social work** (HF or vocational paths like SOSU)

My Suggestions Based on Your Situation

If you're unsure but curious, here's a safe, flexible path:

→ **STX** if you enjoy school and want to keep your options open for university.

If you're more hands-on and want skills + the option to study later:

→ **EUX** is a great blend of practical work and academic learning.

If you're ready to work sooner and prefer doing over studying:

→ **EUD** is great and Denmark has strong support for apprenticeships.

If you want, tell me what subjects you like or dream jobs you've thought about — I can give you more tailored advice!