

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Maldives. 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 in an exciting phase of life with a lot of opportunities ahead. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends at 9th or 10th grade), your next step depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here are the main educational options available to you in Denmark, with some tailored advice:

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

These are good if you're aiming for a university education later on.

### Options:

- **STX (Alment gymnasium):** Focus on general academic subjects — good for people who like a broad education (science, language, social studies).
- **HHX (Handelsskolen):** Business-oriented — ideal if you like economics, marketing, and international trade.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Technical and scientific focus — good if you enjoy IT, engineering, and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter, more practical version of STX (2 years), for those who prefer a more direct path to vocational training or specific university programs.

### 💡 Best for you if:

You like academic subjects and may want to go to university. If you're unsure about what you want to study, **STX** gives the broadest foundation.

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

Combines school and hands-on work experience. You get paid during your apprenticeship.

### Fields include:

- IT and tech
- Healthcare
- Construction and engineering
- Culinary arts and hospitality

- Childcare and social work

### **Best for you if:**

You prefer practical, hands-on learning and want to start earning and working sooner. It's also possible to do **EUX**, which combines vocational training with a gymnasium-level exam, so you can still apply for university later.

## **3. Other Paths to Consider**

- **International opportunities:** With your background and bilingual ability, international business or diplomacy could be interesting fields.
- **Entrepreneurship:** If you're creative and have ideas, consider business programs like HHX or even starting something small on the side while you study.
- **Creative/Arts schools:** If you have talent in music, film, or design, there are schools focused on those paths as well.

## **How to Decide?**

Ask yourself:

- Do I like learning from books, or do I prefer doing things with my hands?
- Am I curious about science, tech, business, people, or something else?
- Do I want to go to university, or do I want to start working sooner?

Also, you can:

- Talk to your **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)** — they're there to help!
- Visit open house events (åbent hus) at gymnasiums and vocational schools.
- Try out an **introforløb (intro program)** to get a feel for different schools.

## **Personal Recommendation:**

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and culturally connected to The Maldives too, you might have a unique edge in:

- **International business (HHX)**
- **Tech and engineering (HTX or EUX)**
- **Healthcare or education (EUD or HF)** if you like helping people

If you're unsure, **STX** or **HF** will keep your options open while you figure out your passion.

Would you like help matching your interests to specific programs? I can guide you through a short self-assessment if you want.