

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Zimbabwe. 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 that. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a key point in your education. In Denmark, after **folkeskolen (primary and lower secondary school)**—usually completed around age 16—you have a few different paths to consider. Here's a breakdown to help you think through your options:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – General Education Path)

If you're thinking about going to **university** later, this is usually the way to go. There are a few types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad general education (humanities, science, social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business and economics.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technical subjects like natural sciences and technology.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter 2-year program; more practical and good for people who want flexibility or didn't get top marks in folkeskolen.

 *Good for you if:*

- You like academic subjects.
- You're considering higher education (university or professional degrees).
- You want a broader set of career options later.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This path combines school and **apprenticeship** (praktik) in real jobs. You can become anything from a carpenter, mechanic, chef, electrician, or healthcare worker.

There are also “EUX” programs, where you get both a **vocational education and a general upper secondary exam**, giving you the option to apply for university later.

 *Good for you if:*

- You prefer practical, hands-on learning.
- You want to enter the job market earlier.
- You already have an idea of a trade or profession you're interested in.

Considering Your Background

Being Danish-born with Zimbabwean roots is a strength. You bring a multicultural perspective and bilingual background (if you also speak Shona or Ndebele or another Zimbabwean language). That can be an advantage in areas like:

- **International business**
 - **Healthcare and social work**
 - **Education and language support roles**
 - **Law or diplomacy**
 - **Technology (global sector)**
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How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theoretical learning or practical work more?
 - Do I want to go to university one day?
 - Do I already have a job or profession in mind?
 - Would I like to start earning money earlier or study longer?
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My Recommendation

If you're unsure, a safe and flexible choice is to go to **STX** or **HF**. This keeps your options open.

But if you already have a passion (e.g. tech, business, healthcare, or building things), looking into **EUX** or **vocational education** could be smart and practical. Denmark's system makes it easy to switch later if you change your mind.

Would you like help exploring specific careers, schools near you, or how your interests match to programs in Denmark? I can help with that too.