

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Lesotho. 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 your background — that helps a lot in giving you a thoughtful answer. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends after **9th or 10th grade**, depending on the school), you're now at the point of choosing your **youth education** (*ungdomsuddannelse*), and Denmark offers a few different main paths. Here's a breakdown to help you think about what might suit you best:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Academic Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in **further academic study**, like going to university, this is the route most students take.

Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic subjects (languages, sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX (Handelsskolens studentereksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)** – Focus on technical subjects, technology, and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more focused, for students who want a less theoretical route to higher education.

Good for you if:

- You enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university later.
- You're not yet sure what kind of job or career you want.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

This is a combination of school and **apprenticeships in a company**. It prepares you for specific jobs (e.g. electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, healthcare assistant, chef).

Good for you if:

- You like practical work and learning by doing.
- You want to enter the job market faster (but you can still take extra courses later if you want to continue studying).

3. EUX – The hybrid path

EUX combines **vocational education** with **academic subjects**. You get a vocational education and also qualify for university studies.

Good for you if:

- You want **hands-on training** and want to keep the door open to university.
- You're motivated and want more flexibility in your future career options.

So, what should you choose?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. **Do I enjoy school and studying academic subjects like math, history, or science?**
 - → Consider **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX**.
2. **Do I like doing things with my hands, being practical, or helping people directly?**
 - → Look into a **VET** program or **EUX**.
3. **Am I not sure yet, but I want to keep my options open?**
 - → **STX** or **EUX** could be a good fit.

Tips for you specifically:

- Being fluent in Danish is a huge advantage — you won't face the language barrier many others might.
- With your cultural background, you may have unique perspectives and strengths. You might thrive in areas like **global studies**, **international business**, **healthcare**, or **technology**.
- If you're unsure, try talking to a **UU-vejleder** (youth guidance counselor) — they can help you explore your options.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or what subjects you enjoy most?