

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tuvalu. 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?

That's great that you've finished primary school—congratulations! At 16 in Denmark, you're at a key decision point in your educational journey. Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed primary school here, you have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and goals.

Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths available to you after primary school (folkeskole) in Denmark:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – General)

These programs prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**
Broad academic education with focus on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're interested in university later and want a broad base.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)**
Focus on business, economics, and languages. A good path if you like the idea of working in international business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)**
Focus on technical and science subjects. Great if you're interested in technology, IT, engineering, or science.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)**
A 2-year program (instead of 3 like the others), often more practical and for students who want a more direct path to further education, like nursing, teaching, or social work.

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

These are more hands-on and prepare you for specific careers like:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- Mechanic
- Healthcare assistant

You do both school and apprenticeships (praktik). If you enjoy learning by doing and want to get into work sooner, this could be a great path.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university someday? → **Gymnasiale uddannelser**
 - Do I prefer learning by doing and want a practical job? → **Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD)**
 - Am I not sure yet? → HF might give you flexibility with less time commitment.
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Support and Guidance

Since you're from a background that may be underrepresented in some areas of Danish education, you might also be eligible for **mentor programs**, **career guidance**, or **extra academic support**—check with your local **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Center)** for personalized help.

Recommendation

If you're unsure but curious about a lot of things, **STX** or **HF** can keep your options open. If you already know you like working with your hands, **EUD** might give you a head start into a stable career.

Would you like me to help you narrow this down based on your interests, hobbies, or career goals?