

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 a bit about yourself! You're in a really exciting position right now with lots of potential directions ahead. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (probably meaning **9th or 10th grade**), the next step typically involves choosing a **youth education program** ("ungdomsuddannelse").

Here's a breakdown of your main options and some guidance based on your background and opportunities:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These are academically focused programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad, with a mix of humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're not yet sure what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business and economics focused. Good for careers in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on technology and science. Good for engineering, IT, and technical university studies.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** A 2-year general program, more practical and mature (often taken a bit later).

💡 Recommended if: You enjoy academic work and might want to go to university or a professional bachelor education.

🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD – Erhvervsuddannelse)

More hands-on and leads directly to jobs in trades, technology, health, etc. Can also lead to higher education via *EUX*.

- **EUD:** Learn a specific trade like carpenter, electrician, chef, healthcare worker.
- **EUX:** A combo of vocational training and academic subjects, so you can also go to university afterwards.

💡 Recommended if: You like practical work and want a clear path to a job—but still want the option to study more later.

Factors to Think About

Factor	What to consider
Your interests	Do you enjoy school subjects or more practical tasks?
Career goals	Any jobs or fields you're curious about?
Grades and motivation	Are you doing well academically and enjoy studying?
Role models	Any family or community influences? You might be the first in your family to pursue higher education—this can be both challenging and powerful.
Language skills	You're fluent in Danish, which is great. If you also speak Sesotho or English, you have even more opportunities.

Special Note for Students with Immigrant Backgrounds

You're Danish and from Lesotho background—this can be a great strength. If you're interested in helping your community or being a role model, careers in education, healthcare, social work, or law could be meaningful. Denmark needs more diversity in those areas.

My Suggestion

Since you're just finishing primary school and fluent in Danish, here's a good path:

1. If you're academically strong and enjoy school:

→ Consider **STX or HHX**, depending on whether you like general subjects or business more.

2. If you prefer hands-on work or want a clear path to a good job:

→ Look at **EUX** – gives you both a vocational education *and* a studentereksamen level.

Would you like help figuring out what you're most interested in (e.g., with a short quiz or career interest list)? Or do you already have some careers or fields you're curious about?