

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from New Zealand. 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 a great position to be in—you have multiple options, strong language skills, and an international background that could open doors. Since you're 16 and have just finished *folkeskole* in Denmark, your next step would usually involve choosing between several upper secondary education paths. The best path depends on your interests, career goals, and how open you are to academic vs. practical learning. Here's a breakdown to help guide your decision:

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

These prepare you for university. You usually study for 3 years.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, includes science, humanities, and social science. Great if you like general education and are unsure of your future path.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing. Ideal if you're interested in business or international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Exam)** – Focus on technology, IT, and science. Good if you're interested in engineering, design, or tech.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Exam)** – A 2-year program, more flexible, sometimes used by students who want to go to university but don't want the full 3-year experience. Often used by slightly older students.

👉 **Best if:** You think you want to go to university later, or you're curious and want to keep your options open.

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education & Training – VET/EUD)

Combines school and apprenticeships. You'll become qualified for a specific job (like electrician, carpenter, chef, etc.)

- You start with a foundation course (*grundforløb*) and then continue with practical training and work in a company.
- Some vocational programs also give access to further education (*EUX*) if you also want the option of higher education.

👉 **Best if:** You want to get into the job market quickly, work with your hands, or already know what trade or skill you want.

## **Special Option: International or Abroad**

Given your New Zealand background and English fluency:

- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** Available in Denmark, taught in English, internationally recognized. It's a challenging academic program and a great fit if you might study abroad later.
- **Move to New Zealand?** You could look at finishing secondary education there (NCEA system). Not common, but worth considering if you want to connect with your roots or study there later.

👉 **Best if:** You're internationally minded, might want to study abroad, or want an English-language academic path.

## **How to Decide?**

Here are a few guiding questions:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects (reading, writing, theory)? → **STX/IB**
- Do you prefer practical, hands-on work? → **VET/EUD**
- Interested in business and economics? → **HHX**
- Into science, IT, or engineering? → **HTX**
- Want a shorter path with flexibility? → **HF or EUX**

If you're still unsure, you can:

- Visit an **educational counselor** (studievejleder) at a *UU-center* (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning).
- Try an **intro course** (*brobygning*)—many schools let you try different programs for a few days or weeks.

Would you like help comparing a few specific options, or are you leaning toward a particular field (like science, business, or a trade)?