

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Indonesia. 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're 16, fluent in Danish, and have just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a key decision point. In Denmark, the most common paths after **primary school (folkeskole)** are:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in continuing to higher education later (like university), this is the typical next step. You have a few options here:

### a) STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad, academic — includes sciences, humanities, languages, etc.
- Good for: University preparation across many fields.

### b) HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Good for: Careers or further study in business, management, finance, etc.

### c) HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, IT.
- Good for: Engineering, tech, science-related futures.

### d) HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- Focus: Shorter, 2-year academic path — more practical.
- Good for: People who want a university path but prefer a faster or more practical route.

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

- Focus: Hands-on, job-specific training (e.g., electrician, chef, mechanic, hairdresser, etc.).
- Duration: Usually 3-5 years (school + apprenticeship).
- Good for: If you want to work sooner or prefer practical learning.

There's also **EUX**, which mixes vocational training with academic studies — so you can both work and still have the option to apply to higher education later.

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### 3. International or alternative options

Since your family has Indonesian roots and you speak Danish fluently, you might also explore:

- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** If you're strong in English and want an international education.
  - **Exchange programs:** A year abroad could be enriching culturally and academically.
  - **Efterskole:** A year in a boarding-like school (very Danish tradition) to mature, focus on interests (sports, arts, tech, etc.).
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### How to choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to go to university one day? → Choose a gymnasial path.
- Do I enjoy practical work and want to start earning sooner? → Consider EUD or EUX.
- Am I still unsure? → A year at an **efterskole** or **10. klasse** could help you explore and grow before committing.

Would you like help choosing based on your interests (like science, art, business, or helping people)? If you tell me more about your interests or dreams, I can give a more tailored recommendation.