

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Thailand. 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 — you're at an exciting turning point! In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskole), you have several options depending on your interests, skills, and future goals. Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed your primary education here, you have full access to the Danish education system.

Here are the main paths you can consider:

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

This is the academic path that prepares you for higher education (like university).

### Main options:

- **STX (Alment gymnasium):** Broad academic subjects — good if you enjoy languages, history, science, etc.
- **HHX (Handelsskole):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Focus on science and technology.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter, more flexible, often used by older students or those who want to get to higher education quickly.

### Recommended if:

You're interested in going to university later, you enjoy academic work, and you're unsure exactly what career you want yet.

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

This combines school and practical work (apprenticeship). It prepares you for a skilled job.

### Examples:

- Electrician, mechanic, chef, carpenter, hairdresser, healthcare assistant.

### Recommended if:

You want to get into the job market earlier, prefer hands-on learning, and like the idea of learning a trade or craft.

## 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

This combines vocational training (EUD) **and** general education (like gymnasium). You'll be qualified for both a skilled job **and** university.

### **Recommended if:**

You like the idea of a practical job but still want to keep your university options open.

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### **Things to Consider Before Choosing:**

- Do you prefer **theory or practice**?
  - Are you aiming for **university or job market**?
  - What are your **interests** (tech, design, business, healthcare, etc.)?
  - Would you enjoy working with people, machines, numbers, or ideas?
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### **Side Note: Cultural Background as a Strength**

Your Thai heritage can be a big advantage! If you're interested, you might explore careers that involve international business, languages, or intercultural communication. Being bilingual and culturally aware is highly valued.

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### **My Advice**

At 16, it's completely okay not to have everything figured out. If you're unsure:

- Visit **education fairs** or talk to a **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)**.
- Consider **job shadowing** or short internships to explore options.
- Don't rush — it's normal to change directions later.

Would you like help narrowing down your path based on your interests or subjects you enjoy?