

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Timor-Leste. 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 your background—it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future! Since you're 16 and just finished primary/lower secondary school (*folkeskole*) in Denmark, your next step typically involves choosing between different upper secondary education paths. The right one for you depends on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's an overview of your options in Denmark:

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

These are for students who may want to attend university later.

### STX (Studentereksamen)

- Broad academic focus: languages, sciences, social sciences.
- Good for university prep in almost any field.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, marketing, and languages.
- Good if you're interested in business or working in companies later.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).
- Great if you like tech, design, or natural sciences.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented.
- For people who might want to attend university colleges.
- Often chosen by students who want a quicker route to work or applied studies.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

- Combines school and paid apprenticeships.
- Great if you want to learn a trade or get into the job market faster.
- Examples: carpenter, electrician, chef, healthcare assistant, IT technician.
- Can also lead to further education later.

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### Other Factors to Consider

- **Language Skills:** Since you're fluent in Danish, you'll have no problem entering any program. If you speak Tetum or Portuguese, that can be a bonus for international work later.
- **Future Plans:** Do you want to go to university? Start working soon? Work abroad?
- **Interests:** Do you enjoy academic subjects, hands-on work, or creative fields?

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### Suggested Pathways (Based on Common Profiles)

#### If you're academically inclined and enjoy school:

Go for **STX** if you're unsure but want options, or **HHX** if you're drawn to business.

#### If you like practical work and want to earn money sooner:

Consider a **VET** program like electrician, mechanic, or IT support.

#### If you're a bit unsure but want flexibility:

**HF** can be a good way to keep doors open without committing to 3 years of study right away.

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### Bonus Advice

- **Mentoring & Support:** Some municipalities offer youth mentoring—ask your *UU-vejleder* (youth guidance counselor).
- **Explore Your Identity:** Your Timorese background could also open doors for language-based or international work later—something to think about long-term.

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Would you like help deciding based on your interests or strengths (like favorite subjects, hobbies, or career dreams)? I can guide you more personally if you want.